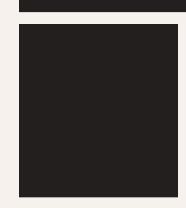


## IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS

The Delta Protection Commission has been charged with regional planning for the "heart" of the Delta. This includes land uses and resource management for the Delta area. Key land uses are agriculture, wildlife habitat and recreation. The Commission, as a CALFED agency, works closely to keep local stakeholders informed about how the CALFED plan is being implemented and brings their concerns and suggestions forward.



Caption for the 2 photos: Staten Island check ceremony and the reed photo.

## CHALLENGES AND ISSUES

The Delta faces a number of challenges and issues:

- Preserving a viable agricultural base
- Maintaining strong levees
- Protecting water quality for agriculture
- Protecting and increasing recreational opportunities

## STATEWIDE BENEFITS

- Strong levees in the Delta also protect water quality for exporters.
- Preserving agricultural uses also provides habitat for wildlife
- Protecting water quality in the Delta is also important for urban areas that divert from the Delta
- Delta recreational resources are used by many anglers and boters



Caption for the photo showing two boats travelling down the Delta.